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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 - international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1 (b))
 - publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):
 - the international application as originally filed/furnished
 - the description:

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 - the claims:

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 - the description, pages
 - the claims, Nos.
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 12-17, 19, 20	YES
	Claims 1-11, 18, 21-24	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 12-17	YES
	Claims 1-11, 18-24	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-24	YES
	Claims NONE	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7).

NOVELTY (N): claims 1-11, 18, 21-24

-EP 0032372 A1
-US 6227246 B1

Both of these citations either clearly disclose each of the features of these claims or they were matters of common knowledge in the art at their respective publication dates. For example, in EP 0032372 see

- A faucet capable of receiving hot and cold water etc the hot and cold mixing tap disclosed
- A filter assembly... item 14 of Fig 1 and col. 1 lines 26-27
- A first conduit items 24 of Fig 1 and col. 3 lines 33-34
- A mixing chamber annular chamber, item 23 of Figs 1 & 2 and col. 3 lines 20-23
- A first outlet line outlet duct, item 8 of Figs 1 & 2 and claim 1

INVENTIVE STEP (IS) : claims 1-11, 18-24

-as above

INVENTIVE STEP (IS): claims 19, 20

The provision of multiple outlet lines is considered an obvious technical variation of the invention as claimed in claim 20, while a faucet that includes mounting means is a matter of common general knowledge.